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Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—" May I know when the report from the Director of Public Instruction was received? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" It was received, I think, last year or the year before when the Retrenchment Committee of which my hon. Friend was a member was functioning."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—" May I know if it requires a big report for the Government to issue orders regarding the need for adult education? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" The need for adult education is not the subject of the report. The report is concerned only with the method best suited for adult education."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—" Are the Government not aware that there is a great need for adult education in this country? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" There are many necessary things which are being delayed for want of money and of these adult education is one."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—" Have they not had enough time since 1932 to get a report on a scheme for adult education? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" We recognized the necessity for it and we called for a report and got it in 1932."

Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar:—" Did it coincide with the time when necessity for retrenchment was felt? Could not the report have been obtained earlier? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" That is a question which should have been addressed to my predecessor."

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" May I ask whether the scheme of the Director of Public Instruction will be published for the information of the public? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" Not till orders are passed; the suggestion will be considered after that."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" May I know what for the night schools are intended other than for adult education? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I consider that night schools if properly conducted ought to keep out pupils who are not adults."

Scheme, if any, for adult education.

* 148 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether the Government have under consideration any scheme of adult education? 12 noon

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 147.